

**Andrew Jackson to Samuel Swartwout, March 15, 1834,
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TO SAMUEL SWARTWOUT.

Washington, March 15, 1834.

my dear sir, The following extract of a letter has been handed to me, as being written by Mr. Duane to a friend of mine in Newyork, an officer of the Government, high in my confidence and esteem, inunedo, Saml. Swartwout, Esqr. Collector etc. etc.

The extract, speaking of the removal of the Deposites says "I am the only one who dared to do what he said he would, others went with me, but faltered when they discovered a power superior to their own, and finding this, they could conveniently come into the opinion which that power entertained etc. etc. etc."

Now my dear Sir, if you really have received a letter of that tenor from Mr. William J. Duane, and I cannot doubt but you have from the source of my information I wish you to send me, an extract, or any part of it, that bears the same import.¹ I have no doubt but before you have read this far, you will be revolving in your mind *why* I wish to have the above extract of Mr. Duanes letter. I will tell you, about the time he left us here he began to slander Mr. McLane and Govr. Cass. In a letter, a copy of which I hold, he denied having made the statement charged by a Mr. Fry and others, stating that he must have been misunderstood, that he could not have made such a statement because if he had, it would have been untrue etc. Mr. Duane has began to make palpable false statements with regard to me, and I mean at a proper season to publish a narative of this administration, naught extenuating, or naught set down in malice. I wish a copy of his letter to you, to

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unveil his hypocrisy and to shew how prone he is to lying, and how little confidence ought to be placed in his statements. in his 6th letter published he has stated a palpable lie. Having given you the reason why I want a copy of his letter I trust you will not hesitate to furnish me a copy, to be used as you may please to direct, but I wish to be permitted to make the statement at least and call on him for a denial.

1 Swartwout replied, Mar. 17, that he had received from Duane no such letter as Jackson described.

The clamour of pressure in the money market is vanishing with the panic, all things will end well here. With my kind regard to your amiable Lady and daughter believe me

respectfully yr. friend